

## REMARKS

Claims 9-18 are pending. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 9-16 are allowed.

Claim 17 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rawson, III (USPN 6,502,141). The Examiner stated essentially that Rawson teaches all the limitations of claim 17.

Claim 17 claims, *inter alia*, "a second processor connected to the network and connected to the first processor via the network, wherein the server receives the sync-request message, and stores a time of arrival of the sync-request message and sends a sync-response message the first processor, wherein the sync-response message comprises the current local time of the first processor, the time of arrival and a current local time to the second processor."

Rawson teaches a system in which a zero node sends a first packet to a node k, including a time sent (TS) (see col. 4, lines 46-60). Further, the node k replies with a packet including an arrival time of the first packet at node k,  $T_k$ . Rawson does not teach that the k node replies with a packet comprising "the current local time of the first processor, the time of arrival and a current local time to the second processor" as claimed in claim 17. Rawson does not consider that the time for a packet to go between the zero node and the k node, and the time for a packet to go from the k node to the zero node may be different. The reply packet of Rawson includes the arrival time of the first packet; the reply packet of Rawson does not include a current local time of the k node. Therefore,

Rawson fails to teach all the limitations of claim 17. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. US 2002/0120416 A1) in view of Rawson, III (USPN 6,502,141). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of Liu and Rawson teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 1-8.

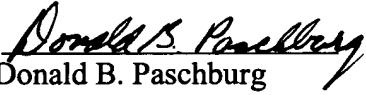
Claims 1-8 have been cancelled.

New claim 18 depends from claim 17. Claim 18 is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 17.

For the forgoing reasons, the present application, including claims 9-18, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully Submitted

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